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1. In [REDACTED], Sovromtransport at Braila launched two cast iron vessels known as Sardex which were originally started by the Germans during the war. These ships are of 2,000 ton capacity and were towed by Rumanian tugs to Turm Severin to be finished since the facilities there are more adequate. The engines for these craft were new Schultzer motors of Swiss manufacture.

2. After the launching of the two Sardex vessels, work on four special barges was started. They are double bottom barges which permit the loading of fuel in the bottoms and side tanks, grain or other merchandise in the hold and cotton bales or lumber on the superstructure. The length of these barges is 100 meters and the width 30 meters. They will probably be launched during [REDACTED]

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3. Eight iron barges, 60 by 26 meters in size, have been constructed at Braila, since the summer of 1949, at the rate of one per month.
4. Wooden fishing boats are also being constructed by Sovromtransport at Braila. They are twenty-two meters long, four meters wide, by two and one-half meters in height. They were equipped with new Soviet diesel motors. These motors were originally built for another purpose and required transformers to reduce the number of revolutions per minute. The motors were of 150 horsepower with a maximum revolutions per minute at 1,500, permitting a 1,500 kilogram winch.

5. These ships are produced at the rate of one per month. Fourteen were launched during the past year and eighteen are planned for the following year. There is a revolving platform on the fantail of each of these fishing boats, which may also be raised or lowered.

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6. From [REDACTED] thirty wooden barges of about 30 ton capacity each were built for use on the Danube-Black Sea Canal.

7. There follows a list of some of the officials of the Sovromtransport in Braila:

- a. Engineer Piminov is chief of the Sovromtransport yards. Piminov is a Soviet citizen, about 40 years old.

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- b. Engineer Panaghis Melisaratos is the technical director. He is about 36 years old, of Greek origin and is not a member of the Rumanian Workers Party. He is kept in his job because of his technical ability. Melisaratos has been sent to the Constanta yards of Sovromtransport on inspection tours.
- c. Engineer Iani Christalopoulos is the assistant manager. He is about 38 years old, of Greek origin and is not a member of the Rumanian Workers Party.

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